

ROUND 1 INTERVIEW
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FRED COUPLES (-2)

Q. Back at Warwick Hills. Thoughts on your first round back?

FRED COUPLES: Yeah, it was good. It was pretty blustery there the first five or six holes, then it turned out to be an okay day. But I played okay. I didn't birdie a par 5 and shot 2 under, but at the same time I birdied a couple par 3s.

Q. Is the wind a factor?

FRED COUPLES: Yeah, it's tough, tough. But you got to pick the ball up and you got to place it, so there was no mud on the ball, every shot was a clean lie. You know, I needed at least one more birdie to feel like I'm pushing towards the leaders. And those guys at 6 under, that's a very good round.

Q. Did you anticipate that?

FRED COUPLES: You know, I didn't see so many 6s and 5s, but yeah, someone's always going to do that. Lift, clean and place, I don't know if it's, you know, worth a shot or two, but it's always nice to play every shot dry and clean in the fairways. That's one thing I did today, I drove it pretty well. I'm not like saying 70's bad, but I needed to be a shot lower.

Q. To finish the day with that sand shot like you did, I mean how nice is that?

FRED COUPLES: Well, it made it much easier than hitting it out there four feet and trying to make a little curling putt. You know, the whole course was good. We were so-so today, our whole group. Cabrera holed a beautiful pitch shot for eagle and Paul and I really didn't do a whole lot, but sometimes that helps. McCarron and Goosen are going nuts. We couldn't do anything together, but we had a good time. It was fun to see Cabrera. I think it's his first tournament and he's one of my not best buddies, but he's a fan favorite. He can really play. He'll do just fine out here.